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The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following developments in U.S. agriculture and trade:

U.S. agricultural exports during October-August 1985 totaled \$29.5 billion, down \$.6 billion (16 percent) from the same period a year earlier. Export volume during the October-August period amounted to 119.3 million tons, off approximately 9 percent from the 131 million tons exported during the first eleven months of the previous fiscal year.

After seven consecutive months of decline, monthly agricultural export value rose in August 1985. August 1985 exports totaled \$2.0 billion, down \$.6 billion or 23 percent from August 1984, but 1 percent above the \$1.8 billion in July 1985. Export volume for the month was 7.8 million tons, off 2.8 million tons (26 percent) from the 10.6 million ton level of August 1984.

Commodities undergoing the most substantial declines during October-August included soybean meal, soybeans, soybean oil, wheat, wheat flour, rice, tallow, and cotton. Reductions in both unit value and volume contributed to these declines. While corn exports through October-August were roughly equal in volume, lower unit prices dropped the overall value of corn exports by 16 percent. In contrast to these declines, increases were noted for grain sorghum, seeds, pulses, peanuts, cottonseed oil, unmanufactured tobacco, tree nuts, beef, and dairy products.

U.S. agricultural imports during October-August 1985 reached \$18.1 billion, up 4 percent from the \$17.3 billion imported during the first eleven months of fiscal 1984. Commodities experiencing the greatest increases continue to be cocoa and products; fresh fruit and fruit juices; beef, pork and veal. The overall net surplus in agricultural trade during October-August 1985 amounted to \$11.4 billion, down 36 percent from a net surplus of \$17.8 billion during the same period a year earlier.

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U.S. Agricultural Trade
(Billion Dollars)

	FISCAL YEAR			OCT-AUG		
	1984 Actual	1985 Forecast	Percent Change	1984 Actual	1985 Actual	Percent Change
Exports	38.0	32.0	-16	35.1	29.5	-16
Imports	18.9	20.0	+6	17.3	18.1	+4
Trade Balance	19.1	12.0	-37	17.8	11.4	-36

**U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO ALL DESTINATIONS
OCTOBER 1983 - AUGUST 1985**

U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO ALL DESTINATIONS
OCTOBER 1983 - AUGUST 1985

COMMODITIES	UNIT	CUMULATIVE TO DATE			CURRENT MONTH (AUGUST)		
		QUANTITY	%	VALUE	QUANTITY	%	VALUE
TOBACCO UNMF.	MT	30,731	+44	230,772	323,039	+40	5,552
BURLEY.....	MT	130,102	+12	919,128	981,143	+7	5,574
FLUE-CURED.....	MT	8,350	-26	38,867	30,824	-21	613
FIRE-SUN CURED.....	MT	1,322	+120	8,691	18,830	+11	18
MARYLAND.....	MT	929	+25	21,916	24,395	+11	36
CIGAR.....	MT	7,023	+41	56,268	31,238	-44	912
OTHER LEAF STEMS.....	MT	30,654	+11	50,214	66,877	+33	1,512
TOTAL.....	MT	208,111	+14	1,325,856	1,476,346	+11	9,218
							18,145 +97
							53,501 116,307 +117
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POULTRY PRODUCTS							
MEAT.....	MT	162,892	+8	187,936	185,116	-2	15,619
BROILER.....	MT	12,043	-5	17,037	14,697	-14	1,358
TURKEY.....	MT	9,258	-5	11,591	9,715	-16	1,122
OTHER POULTRY MEAT.....	MT	22,825	+13	33,884	33,719	--	2,436
DOZ.....	MT	7,220	+41	11,955	17,903	+50	821
Egg Products.....	XXX			115,743	102,021	-12	1,241
OTHER.....	XXX						10,211
TOTAL.....	XXX			378,146	363,171	-4	34,195
							33,570 -2
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DAIRY PRODUCTS							
NON-FAT DRY MILK.....	MT	244,120	+6	158,297	160,920	+2	31,500
CHEESE.....	MT	17,190	-23	33,076	25,348	-23	2,807
BUTTER.....	MT	42,238	-3	64,899	64,271	-1	3,840
OTHER.....	XXX			91,390	135,773	+49	4,611
TOTAL.....	XXX			347,662	386,311	+11	38,653
							45,600 +18
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LIVESTOCK & PRODS.							
MEAT.....	MT	365,555	+2	782,479	769,120	+2	31,878
BEEF.....	MT	97,550	+3	403,892	433,863	+7	10,582
PORK.....	MT	56,995	-28	132,570	68,921	-47	3,330
VARIETY.....	MT	201,010	+9	246,017	265,336	+8	17,966
TALLOW.....	MT	1211,755	-14	585,881	506,570	-14	106,643
LARD.....	MT	31,486	+37	21,770	27,071	+24	3,753
LIVE CATTLE.....	NO	53,281	+114	43,465	99,967	+130	4,661
CATTLE HIDES.....	XXX			945,458	952,758	+1	14,248
FURSKINS.....	NO	15519,223	-13	207,147	210,924	+2	394,222
OTHER.....	XXX			539,269	473,169	-12	52,122
TOTAL.....	XXX			3,125,470	3,039,580	-3	279,352 272,143 -3

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COMMODITIES	CUMULATIVE TO DATE			CURRENT MONTH (AUGUST)		
	UNIT:	QUANTITY	%	VALUE	QUANTITY	%
	:10/83-08/84:10/84-08/85:DIF	:10/83-08/84:10/84-08/85:DIF	:1984	:1985	:1984	:1985
HORTICULTURAL PROD.						
TREE NUTS.....	MT :	120,657	+65	326,878	461,654	+41
FRUIT.....	MT :	787,882	-7	1137,056	1076,682	+5
FRESH, CITRUS.....	MT :	483,913	-13	397,341	403,480	+2
FRESH, NON-CITRUS.....	MT :	64,473	-13	321,890	286,524	-11
CANED.....	MT :	56,244	-13	67,530	58,075	-14
DRIED.....	MT :	102,667	-2	144,378	144,321	--
JUICES.....	GAL :	137,350	-17	205,917	184,282	-11
VEGETABLES, FRESH.....	MT :	670,714	-17	282,445	222,050	-21
VEG. PREP., PRES.....	MT :	287,459	-6	266,357	245,013	-8
OTHER.....	XXX:			378,598	395,573	+4
TOTAL.....	XXX:			2,391,335	2,400,972	---
SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.						
SUGAR & SWEETENERS.....	XXX:			133,363	125,532	-6
COFFEE.....	MT :	11,810	+3	89,857	87,883	-2
FLAVORING SYRUPS.....	XXX:			201,855	160,377	-21
OTHER.....	XXX:			307,204	338,039	+10
TOTAL.....	XXX:			732,280	711,831	-3
GRAND TOTAL.....	XXX:			35,113,712	29,538,860	-16
						2586,837 1982,821 -23

NOTE: VALUE UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. GALLON UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS. DOZEN UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS.
XXX INDICATES QUANTITY TOTALS ARE NOT MEANINGFUL WHERE UNITS OF MEASURE DIFFER.
--- INDICATES CHANGE GREATER THAN 999 PERCENT.
1/ INCLUDES BY-PRODUCTS.
2/ STATISTICAL BALE = 480 LBS.

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS DATA (UNADJUSTED).

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U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS FROM ALL SOURCES
OCTOBER 1983 - AUGUST 1985

COMMODITIES	UNIT	CUMULATIVE TO DATE				CURRENT MONTH (AUGUST)			
		QUANTITY	VALUE	%	%	QUANTITY	VALUE	%	%
		:10/83-06/84:10/84-08/85:DIF	:10/83-08/84:10/84-08/85:DIF	:1984	:1985	:1984	:1985	:DIF	:DIF
GRAINS AND FLDS									
WHEAT & PRODUCTS.....	M	261,265	363,342	+40	261,457	308,860	+18	39,481	37,622
BARLEY & MALT.....	M	135,041	153,762	+14	23,612	27,319	+16	5,606	-77
C/H COARSE GRAINS 1/	M	373,536	572,428	+53	52,033	73,281	+41	22,654	+164
PULSES.....	M	29,191	33,500	+15	15,608	17,593	+13	1,818	+3
OTHER.....	XXX				294,133	305,605	+5		
TOTAL.....	XXX				646,903	736,663	+14		
								€1,473	58,196
								-5	
CL SEEDS & PRODUCTS									
CL STLS.....	M	180,717	189,015	+5	78,252	75,720	-3	5,707	5,888
COCONUT OIL.....	M	387,416	359,590	-7	306,008	277,505	-5	32,729	+3
PALM OIL.....	M	155,076	166,352	+7	87,460	97,577	+12	14,844	+20
OTHER VEGETABLE OILS.....	M	168,797	213,838	+27	191,856	204,024	+6	17,012	-28
OTHER.....	M	134,255	1/8,444	+33	53,257	53,625	+1	5,507	+39
TOTAL.....	M	1026,301	1107,275	+8	716,835	708,851	-1	75,759	95,186
								+26	+26
								74,249	55,467
								-25	-25
STLS.....	M	43,162	34,577	-20	82,755	72,045	-13	1,395	2,280
								+63	+63
								4,729	4,410
								-7	-7
CC CHLOR. LINERS, SILK.....									
STLS.....	M	2/4,482	28,894	+5	21,907	22,436	+2	3,792	912
								-76	-76
								2,778	1,408
								-49	-49
TOBACCO UNMF.									
CIGAR LIT. LEAF.....	M	127,898	134,862	+5	432,835	447,788	+3	11,464	16,638
CIGAR LEAF.....	M	5,593	5,764	+3	25,488	24,254	-5	371	+45
SCHAP & SIEMS.....	M	41,177	35,051	-15	55,670	40,578	-31	4,979	-26
TOTAL.....	M	1/4,668	175,677	+1	517,997	513,020	-1	16,814	21,396
								+27	+27
								48,319	63,045
								+30	+30
PULTRY PRODUCTS									
FEATHERS & DOWN.....	M	8,688	7,311	-16	74,420	55,711	-19	663	-8
POULTRY MEAT.....	M	1,436	2,260	+57	6,253	7,378	+18	146	+75
Eggs & PRODUCIS.....	XXX				26,102	11,413	-56		1,282
OTHER.....	XXX				6,204	5,579	-10		1,730
TOTAL.....	XXX								9,181
									6,006
									-35

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DAIRY PRODUCTS							
CHEESE, QUICIA...	M	104,905	96,108	-8	282,416	256,831	-9
CHEESE, NON-QUICIA...	M	22,361	25,96/	+16	74,190	72,337	-2
CAST IRN.	M	75,482	55,008	+31	174,128	195,006	+12
OTHER	XXX				16,760	18,341	+9
TOTAL	XXX				547,196	542,515	-1
LIVESTOCK & PRODS.							
WOOL	M	42,716	32,315	-24	169,948	119,252	-30
MEAT	M	819,680	1020,355	+24	1,751,325	2,018,616	+15
BEEF AND VEAL	M	49,521	606,624	+22	1,058,139	1,174,731	+11
PORK	M	297,696	382,986	+25	636,723	778,104	+22
CHICK (EDIBLE)	M	24,463	30,745	+26	56,463	65,781	+17
LIV. CATTLE	M	773,445	544,273	-30	270,089	232,487	-14
OTHER LIVESTOCK	M	586,646	1474,310	+49	279,315	306,510	+10
HIDES & SKINS	XXX				61,083	67,219	+10
FURSKINS	XXX				140,371	155,025	+10
OTHER	XXX				142,834	147,261	+3
TOTAL	XXX				2,814,965	3,046,374	+8
HORTICULTURAL PROD.							
FRUIT	M	3277,436	3527,624	+8	1,861,309	2,400,237	+29
FRESH	M	556,735	474,961	+20	922,136	1,079,936	+16
PREP. & PRES.	M	2416,82/	3252,413	+35	348,654	350,326	+12
JUICES	L	1361,778	1422,439	+4	584,519	929,975	+59
VEG TABLES, FR/FZ	M	481,735	460,567	-4	560,023	628,811	+12
VEG., PREP., PRES.	M				444,393	397,712	-11
ICE, NUTS	XXX				286,247	296,826	+4
WINE	L	482,318	476,565	-1	865,598	874,720	+1
OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEV.	L	785,111	931,820	+18	540,535	599,257	+11
NURSERY PRODUCTS	XXX				258,177	277,042	+7
OTHER	XXX				250,678	311,731	+7
TOTAL	XXX						
					5,106,960	5,786,337	+13

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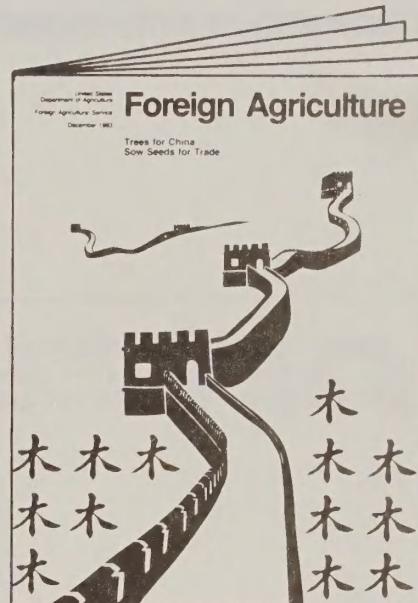
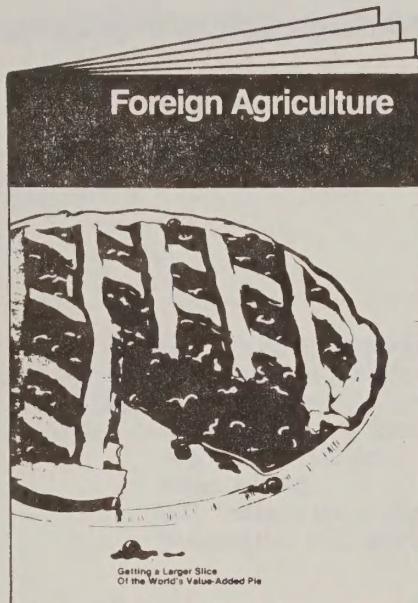
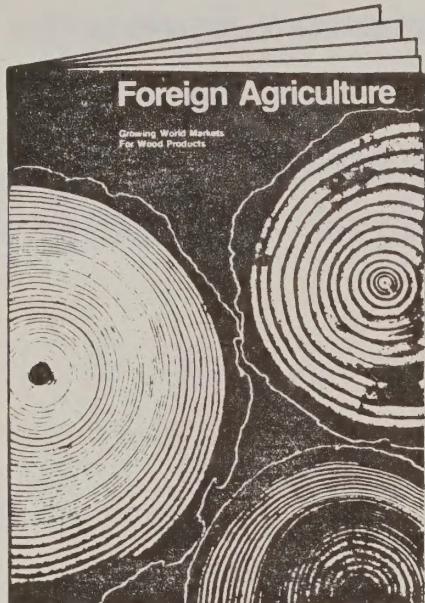
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